

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-16, 18-25 and 27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10 and 19 were amended, and claims 8, 17 and 26 were canceled. No claims were added.

By the present Amendment, independent claims 1, 10 and 19 were amended to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in claims 8, 17 and 26, respectively, and claims 8, 17 and 26 were canceled. In addition, claim 19 was further amended to recite "A computer program products stored in a computer storage medium for, when executed by a computer, autonomically patching..." as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner has advised that the above claim amendments would place the application in condition for allowance. In view of the amendments, therefore, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 10 and 19, and have canceled claims 8, 17 and 26 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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